

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2325 - HB 2641

February 12, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an administrator of elections to inform a voter registrant of a denial by mail, telephone call, and email within 110 days of the denial if the voter applies for registration online or by mail.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-112(d)(4), if specific identifying information provided by an applicant submitting a voter registration online cannot be verified, the applicant is directed to print the application and mail it to their local county election commission office.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-125, an administrator of elections is required to tell a registrant of the reason for denial, and that the registrant has a right to appeal the decision within 10 days.
- The proposed legislation clarifies that the administrator of elections is required to tell the registrant the reason for denial if the registrant is applying in person.
- If the registration being denied was received online or by mail, the administrator of elections is required to inform the registrant by mail, telephone call, and email within 110 days.
- The number of voter application registrants the administrator of elections will be required to mail, call, and email is estimated to be minimal.
- Any additional notifications of denial sent to voter registrants as a result of the proposed legislation can be accomplished by local county election commissions within existing resources.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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